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SPECIFICATIONS FOR REPLACEMENT TUBES FOR SLING PSYCHROMETERS

1. Stems- The stems shall be of glass, about $13/64$ inch in diameter (between $12/64$ and $14/64$ inch).
2. White strip- To facilitate readings a strip of white glass shall be provided running the full length of the stem back of the bore.
3. Bulbs- Bulbs must be cylindrical in form, not more than $2/10$ inch in diameter nor longer than $7/8$ inch, of clear glass of a quality that does not change appreciably with age.
4. Neck- In order to make provision for securely tying a muslin to the bulb, a neck of smaller diameter than the bulb below or the stem above must be formed just above the junction of stem with tube.
5. Length- Length of stem and bulb combined shall be $9-1/4$ inches (between 9 and $9\ 1/2$ inches)
6. Filling- The thermometer must be filled with pure mercury. The space not occupied by the mercury to be a vacuum.
7. Terminal nib- As a provision for holding the tube in its proper relation to the bulb when subsequently mounted, a nib will be formed at the upper end of the stem.
8. Graduations- All lines, figures, and letters to be etched clean cut and distinct. Graduations shall be to whole degrees Fahrenheit. The first and each succeeding 5 and 10 degree line to be longer than the remaining lines. Graduations to be numbered at each multiple of 10 degrees, numbers below zero to be preceded by the minus sign. Figures shall be etched to the right of the bore, but in a vertical position when the stem is held horizontally with bulb to the left. The lowest line of graduations must be at least $1/2$ inch above the bulb.

Each tube will bear near its upper end a serial number to be specified in the order, and the initials U. S.

All etchings to be filled with best quality black pigment.

9. Scale options.- The approximate scale, as may be specified in the order, will be as follows:

Minus 10 to plus 100 degrees Fahrenheit.
Minus 10 to plus 135 degrees Fahrenheit.
Minus 30 to plus 110 degrees Fahrenheit.
Minus 38 to plus 110 degrees Fahrenheit.
Or the equivalent in Centigrade.

10. Scale error.- The error at any point of the scale must be no greater than the following:

at 32° (ice point)	0.2 degree.
Above 32°	0.3 degree.
Between 32° and 12°	0.3 degree.
Below 12°	0.6 degree.

The change in the error for a distance of 10 degrees must be no greater than 0.3 degree on any part of the scale.

11. Scale length.- The scale will extend over the entire usable length of the tube, about 7-1/2 inches, and will be as open as the scale specified in the order permits. Reasonable tolerances above and below the stated limits will be allowed provided they do not produce an unduly compressed or open scale.

12. Workmanship.- First class and thoroughly finished instruments are required. For example, stems must be straight and of uniform bore, and free from scratches. Lines must be clean cut and straight without ragged edges. Bulbs must be of uniform thickness and joined to the stem in a smooth and workmanlike manner.

13. Inspection.- Each instrument will be carefully inspected and tested before acceptance; but recognizing the difficulty attending the production of a large number of thermometers that come within the limits prescribed in these specifications it is stated that while the purchasing bureau or department will in its discretion strictly adhere to said specifications, yet it is not the intention to reject instruments inherently correct and of good workmanship, provided the greater part of the thermometers furnished come within the limits herein prescribed, and prove satisfactory throughout.

14. Ten percent rejection.- It will be understood that failure of 10% or more of the thermometers delivered to meet the specifications herein set forth will subject the entire order to rejection.

15. Prospective bidders will be required to furnish evidence of their ability to produce and deliver in the quantity required thermometers of the character indicated in the above specifications.

16. Ice Point.- There must be no change in the ice point measurable by customary methods of testing during a period of 90 days. The right is reserved to delay payment for a period of 90 calendar days for the purpose of making repeat tests to determine shift of the ice point.

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